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Mauritius

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **Reconsider Travel** to Mauritius due to COVID-19 and related restrictions. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country and during the length of their entire visit. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is granted upon entering the country.

US Embassy/ Consulate

+(230) 202-4400; EMER: +(230) 5253-3641; US Embassy Port Louis, 4th Floor, Rogers House, John Kennedy Street, Port Louis, Mauritius; PTLConsular@state.gov; <https://mu.usembassy.gov/>

Telephone Code

230

Local Emergency Phone

999

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Tropical, modified by southeast trade winds; warm, dry winter (May to November); hot, wet, humid summer (November to May)

Currency (Code)

Mauritian rupees (MUR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V/ 50 Hz/ plug type(s): C, G



Major Languages

Creole, Bhojpuri, French

Religions

Hindu 48.5%, Roman Catholic 26.3%, Muslim 17.3%, other Christian 6.4%

Time Difference

UTC+4 (9 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Yes

International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Left
Tourist destinations	Chamarel; Flic en Flac Beach; Port Louis; Black River Gorges National Park; Mauritius Botanical Garden
Major Sports	Soccer, athletics (track and field), badminton, basketball, boxing
Cultural Practices	It is common to be playfully slapped on the shoulder in normal conversation in Mauritius.
Tipping Guidelines	A gratuity is already included with the bill in most restaurants, but wait staff appreciate any small change, especially if you are satisfied with the service. Taxi fares are usually negotiated in advance. If the driver has been particularly informative or helpful, a tip of 100-200 rupees will suffice to show your appreciation.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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